

New Postage Rate Creates Provisional, What Do You Think?

The change in postage rates from 2c to 3c for letters for local delivery which became effective March 26th brings up a big problem for many business firms which either have a large supply of 2c stamps which the postoffice will not redeem or who have a large supply of the 2c stamped envelope which now has no earthly value as a piece of postal stationery except by adding other stamps to it.

We have already received from Mr. J. M. Siegel of Chicago a cover which seems to create a new stamp in some manner or other, for it ties together a stamped envelope and a meter in such manner that they are one item. The meter marking is printed directly over the 2c red stamped envelope and thus is a part of the stamp, since one can not be separated from the other. It really seems to be a provisional which if never recognized as such certainly is worthy of collector interest and record in stamp history.

The meter mark is directly over the stamp which is in effect a cancellation, yet the meter is of 1c value and the stamp is of 2c value, making a 3c rate. The stamp is not canceled except if we consider the meter mark as a cancellation which it is not. It is apparent that the postal clerk who passed this piece of mail had a problem to solve since he is supposed to cancel all stamps. However meters do not require cancellations and what was the clerk to do. The stamp came through without the government cancellation evidently the meter mark is accepted as a cancellation.

Whether done by the P. O. Clerk or by someone else we do not know, but in the upper right corner of the envelope, above the 2c stamped envelope imprint someone has written with a blue pencil, "O. K. 2c" and above the left end of the meter mark, there is written in the same manner "O. K. 1c." Thus the meter and stamp are authenticated as making 3c postage paid.

This is a most extraordinary and unusual combination and makes a problem for the cataloguers to ponder over.

Unusual Registry Cancel Is Used At Milwaukee

When a collector finds an unusual cancellation he is always interested in saving it. Many such cancels come from the effort of someone who prevails upon a small town postmaster to use such cancel or from the fact that someone in a small in a small postoffice may be enough of a stamp fiend himself to create such a cancel.

In every instance where such cancels are created they are of far less interest to collectors than if they come from a source which has created them without any thought of intriguing a stamp collector.

Such a cancel has appeared from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and comes to us on a registered cover bearing a pair of the current 9 cent stamps which permits the cancel to show up beautifully.

The cover is kindly sent us by Mr. T. K. Baker of T. K. Baker & Co., stamp dealers of San Francisco, Calif.

The cancel is a large letter "V" with serifs, and almost an inch in height. It is clearly stamped over each of the 9c stamps and makes an unusual cancellation.

Correction In Defense Plate Number List

Mr. Walter C. Brink of Genesee Depot, Wisc. sends the following corrections in the list of Defense plate numbers recently printed. In the 1c stamp numbers listed as 22682, 3, 6, 9.

In the 3c list, numbers listed as 22683, 9, should read 22688, 9. Mr. Brink says otherwise the listing is correct.

REPORT OF THE P. M. G.

Following extracts are from the report of Postmaster General Frank C. Walker, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943.

"In the face of a heavy loss of experienced manpower due to the enlistment of some 32,000 postal employees in our armed forces, postal business for the past fiscal year exceeded all expectations. There were received, transported, and delivered 32,818,261,854 pieces of mail, weighing 3,291,346 tons, which was 2,700,628,394 pieces, or 46,627 tons more than were handled the previous year."

New 8c Air Mail Stamp, An Orphan

The new 8c Air Mail stamp came out true to advance information. Our picture of the stamp two weeks ago was the first illustration of the stamp in any publication. This stamp in the design of the old series is in effect not a part of that series but an orphan which will sandwich in between the old series and a new series that must come to care for the new rate schedule.

Hopes of collectors are that this new series will give us the long rumored set of Action Pictures of our Air Army together with the Transport division as well as the mail service by air. It would be a splendid tribute to the men who are serving their country.

Covers for the new 8c stamp mailed at Washington on the 21st were in our mail box Thursday morning and we want to thank The Fleetwood Cover Service of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Sam Avy Jr., of Piqua, Ohio, Cachet-Craft Cover Service of Framingham, Mass., Athol W. Cliff of Millburn, N. J., and Abram LeGallez of Slingerlands, N. Y., for covers. The latter being a specially developed photo cachet which his hand colored, a technique which Mr. LeGallez has developed and which produces an especially attractive cover. As a whole, all the cachets we have thus far received are above average.

Tale Of A Collector In An Army Camp

When I came into the army two years ago, I didn't think that I could carry on my stamp collecting activities while performing my military duties.

As Uncle Sam would have it, I soon found myself in the Permanent Party of a large Training Camp in the West, sent for my collection, and tucked it into a corner of my foot-locker.

I spent more and more of my spare time on building up my collection, until it started growing and growing like an unchecked Ogre. Gradually forcing all clothes, toilet articles and so forth out of my foot-locker into hiding places—under my mattress—in the pockets of hanging clothes etc.

Last Saturday, during regular inspection, our Commanding Officer made the mistake of opening my foot-locker to inspect it. Well—so many stamps popped out of it that we had to probe for him, with stamp tongs, for half an hour before we found him in the pile. We've dubbed him U. S. CO#1 and have written Scott's Stamp and Coin Company about listing him in their next Standard Catalog. The only big drawback we could think of was that this would necessitate a new kind of Album and Hinge.

(Elbert S. Amsler)

New Patriotic Covers Up-To-Date In Script And In Illustrations

Many of the Patriotic covers, past and present have merely been words or pictures or both combined, with little thought on the part of the producers to make a timely cover. In other words they have just been patriotic pictures or words. The most interesting covers are those that hit the nail on the head with timely words or pictures, and some of the more recent publishers have been trying to do just that.

The new set of six offered by Sam Avy cover war subjects that have been in the news in past months and are a splendid set.

Clinton E. Ang of Louisville, Ky., has produced several attractive new covers which are both timely and attractive. One of the best is his use of a German inflation stamp as an illustration of what inflation may mean if not curbed. Others have some very timely and amusing pictures of army life. It is a nice lot of covers.

Ralph P. Werve of Saginaw, Mich., issued a very unusual Shangri-La Launching cover since he used a 10c war saving stamp in the cachet and called attention to the fact that it was such stamps that produced the Shangri-La.

Joe Lee Hillerich of Louisville also has a set of six new covers, one of which is the familiar Buy Bonds type with an appropriate illustration.

From Mrs. Iva Donaldson of Highland, Park, Mich., we have a set of her latest which she has hand colored and they make a very timely set which will please everyone.

PFC Glen Stith at Camp Crowder, Mo., comes along with two special prints which bear a novel bit of wording:

"Don't forget to buy
A bunch of bonds
To buy a bunch of bombs
To bomb a bunch of bums."

Sgt. Kenneth G. Auge of Tyndall Field, Florida, has four new ones with cartoon pictures of training events in the service, rather different than most.

From Raymond E. Davis of New York, a set of nine covers with pictures and words that tie up with the current trend of propaganda.

Michael Kosko of Cleveland shows four new ones all with his corner card imprint which will keep his name before the collectors in years to come.

From N. Leroy Carpenter of Holliston, Mass., three new covers of which two are of the 1944 Victory Garden variety and the other bears a timely bit of wording from an American Soldier.

J. N. Lawrence of San Diego continues with his novel series and the latest at hand says, "Don't grumble or growl about your taxes—/Think what you'd pay/under the Axis!!" That is certainly good advice in a novel cover.

And from C. Lee Wolf of Mansfield comes another of his beautiful hand drawn series in colors. These Wolf covers are of the kind that will be kept and prized.

A publisher asks if we will list his covers if he sends samples. Certainly, any such new covers will be listed in a supplementary list which we will start publishing as soon as possible.

FOR AUTOGRAPH HOUNDS

The design of the emergency adhesive, made necessary by the increase of domestic airmail postage rates, is a revision of the original composition engraved by Master Sergt. James R. Lowe, who has announced that he will be glad to autograph covers in consideration of contributions to the Red Cross or the Salvation Army. Collectors interested may send envelopes franked and canceled (not in advance) to him for signature at his home address, 1821 Potomac avenue S. E., with donation checks made to organizations preferred in amounts desired. Postage for return of covers after autographing should be inclosed.

—Sunday Star, Wash. D. C.

A. P. S. President Lybarger's Broadcast On Stamp Collecting Offered As Model For Local Use

While at Chicago recently, through the courtesy of Roy M. Lynness, one of our loyal A. P. S. members, I was invited to broadcast from Station W. L. S. With Roy's help, we worked out the following broadcast. It is submitted with the thought that it is a form to be used on any number of occasions when one of our chapters has an opportunity for a broadcast. The material is really in shape to be divided into two sections and I have indicated the break with stars.

ANNOUNCER: Almost everyone has a hobby of one sort or another—something he follows, not as a means of making a living, but for relaxation and fun. It is interesting, therefore, every once in a while to take a look at the other fellow's hobby and try to appreciate it from his point of view.

Today, we have with us in the studio, a man who is qualified to speak for the stamp collectors of the country. He is Donald F. Lybarger of Cleveland, Ohio, an attorney, and at present the County Recorder there. This year, Mr. Lybarger is President of the American Philatelic Society, our oldest and largest national association of stamp collectors.

My Lybarger, how many stamp collectors are there in the United States?

LYBARGER: We have no exact count, Mr. Lynness, but the estimate runs as high as ten million. ANNOUNCER: Then you would say the hobby is quite extensive?

LYBARGER: Yes, it is enjoyed universally, and by folks of every age and walk of life. It can be followed by the school boy, with very little to spend, by the man or woman of modest means, and by the person able to spend a lot of money as well.

ANNOUNCER: Mr. Lybarger, how are the stamp collectors organized?

LYBARGER: We have found it of mutual helpfulness to come together in local clubs, which are found in every city and village, and in a national association, such as the American Philatelic Society. Here we enjoy the hobby together, profit by one another's experience, publish a monthly magazine dealing with stamp topics, conduct a sales department for the disposal of stamps, and hold an annual convention and exhibit.

ANNOUNCER: I want to ask, Mr. Lybarger, what influence the war has had on your hobby?

LYBARGER: Well, Mr. Lynness, it has had a marked effect in many respects. Of course, every collector is doing just as all loyal Americans today—going after War Savings Stamps and Bonds. As a matter of fact, many folks are building serious collections of War Savings Stamps so they may hold them as collectors' items. These will never be cashed, which means Uncle Sam will make a clean profit and not have to redeem them.

The war has cut us off from many foreign stamp contacts, but has turned our attention, with renewed intensity, to stamps available here. Last year the United States issued a set of 12 five cent stamps in honor of the occupied nations of Europe. These have been very popular, and there is talk of a similar set for the enemy held countries of Asia.

ANNOUNCER: Then you would say that the hobby of stamp collecting has a definite part to play in war time?

LYBARGER: Yes, I would. Of course, many collectors are now

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It was while a resident of Columbus that "Billy" took a fancy to Precancels. He took his collections to bank and placed them in a large steel trunk where they have laid since he abandoned them. He however made annual trips to inspect them and the collections have been left intact at his death which occurred in St. Petersburg, Florida from a heart attack.

At the time of his death Mr. Field was a resident of Charleston, W. Va. His interest in precancels was that of a thorough student and his collection is without question, one of the finest in the country.

Precancel collectors will miss this man who has given so much of his study and knowledge to the stamp which so many people have neglected.

E. A. Brenn Planned St. Patrick Day Cover

E. A. Brenn of Sioux City, Iowa had plans cooked up for some attractive St. Patrick Day covers and announcements prior to that date were that the postmaster at St. Patrick, Mo., would use a shamrock and cancel the covers in green ink.

This appears to have been misleading as the covers are canceled in black and the shamrock in green is a cachet on the back of the covers we have received.

A novel companion is one from Shamrock, Mo. Both of these covers bear wording that will bring them within the patriotic cover class.

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William H. Field.

It is with the deepest regret that I must report the passing of William H. Field on March 5th at Saint Petersburg Fla. He had been in Florida but a short time when stricken with a heart attack which terminated the life of one of our most beloved and ardent Precancel collectors and Pioneers. It was but a short month ago that he spent several days in Columbus checking a large foreign and U. S. collection which he had stored in the vaults of a Columbus Bank. He also spent on this visit, much of his time with his friend C. W. Sachs. I missed seeing him by the closest of connections. I shall always regret that "Billy" Fields as his friends were wont to affectionately call him will long be remembered by those of us who knew him.

U-Types.
I have several letters in response to my request for material to write about. I am very grateful for these letters. Here is the first article. Any one who reads my column of course notes my reference to U-14, U-121, B2, etc. When a catalog was first thought of for precancels one of the first things that became apparent was the likeness of styles of type used by certain cities. Investigation proved that many towns and cities were using the same size of printers type, the only difference between the two would be the difference between the spelling of Cincinnati and the spelling of Columbus. By this method an illustration of a U-3 type for Cincinnati would suffice for a great

many towns. These too could be segregated at a convenient place in the catalog for handy reference. The U-Types number up to U-127 but there are missing numbers in this lineup as numbers were purposely left open at the proper divisions for the possible insertion of new or unlisted types without disturbing the arrangement of the Style chart. When the Bureau Prints came along it was very easy to use a B instead of a U. What does U stand for well it means Universal Style just why or who applied the term I don't know. B of course stand for Bureau but that term is gradually being dropped from the catalog, a check will show you that only the old type coils and the issue just previous to the presidentials retain the B ahead of its catalog number. All old style Bureau sheet stamps and all Presidentials and succeeding issues are sans the B. You can still get a style chart that shows all the U and B types as used in the precancel catalogs from Hoover Bros. whose ad you must see each week in LINN'S. A word more, there are other precancel types that cannot be classified under U-styles. These are handled in the catalogs by description or by illustration.

Detroit 471

No. 471 is the WIDE DEFENSE bureau. It seemed apparent at time of publication of the catalog that this item in blocks was going to be much scarcer than singles. To be conservative the catalog pricers placed a price of 60c for a block, 6c for a single. This of course showed that there was some considerable usage of the stamp in singles. Now supplies have turned up and Hoover Bros. announce the price has been reduced to 40c per block. I'll bet the publishers are glad they didn't go wild on that one, and this is not implying that they go wild on any item. They are too conservative to suit a lot of dealers I know of.

Lima, Ohio

Lima has produced one very scarce bureau print the 1-21 and which was listed at \$2.50 in the last catalog and now it seems that the 1c NARROW DEFENSE might be a good item if not in singles at least in blocks. This item is on a lot of want lists and has not been bathtubbed very extensively. Just recently I received a piece of mail from an entirely non-philatelic source that leads me to believe that the use of bureau print precancels might soon be a thing of the past at Lima. The piece of mail was a finely lithographed form letter from the CITY LOAN telling me how nice and easy it was to borrow money from them. Which of course is all well and good but the CITY LOAN was the largest and perhaps the only user of LIMA bureau prints and the above mentioned piece of mail was franked with all things a type of PAID PERMIT. It was not a meter mail but was press printed and the PERMIT part was made to resemble a stamp to a great degree. So I am afraid its goodbye Lima Bureau Prints.

Notes

Here is a list of Flag Stamp precancels, submitted by Carl D. Bibb of Santa Fe, N. Mex. Raton, N. Mex. (Netherlands); La Junta, Colo., same; Denver, Colo., (Albania); West Winfield, N. Y. (Belgium); Brenham, Texas (Yugo-Slavia); Santa Fe, N. Mex. (Czechoslovakia).—One of the very popular items in a recent Hoover auction was a 21c Presidential from Provo, Utah. It brought almost a dollar. Now this doesn't mean that all 21c precancels are worth that figure and the reason for the good price I believe can be explained by the fact that there are quite a number of denomination collectors and I imagine that would be a tough one for them. Quite possibly a few other states could draw an equal

price on the same denomination but the majority would not.—A little aside from precancels. I noted a wholesale dealer offering 2c United Nations (used) at 40c per hundred. Now that may be a little high but that shows you why the new WAR stamps are not as common as the Defense, any value of the Defense can be had for at least 15c per hundred used, maybe less. If they are not in general use they can hardly be precanceled.

Another flag stamp precancel is Taunton, Mass., on the Norway flag.

Examine Every Stamp Rarity In A Mixture

One of the most interesting things shown by the dealers at the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club bourse on March 10-12 was a beautiful copy of the 3c 1861 printed on both sides. This stamp, incidentally is listed at \$1200 in the Scott catalog and the copy shown was by the Buckley Stamp Co., of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Buckley had it beautifully mounted in a hole cut in a black card and with a cellophane shield on both sides so that the stamp could be seen from both sides.

The front showed an ordinary nice copy of the 3c 1861, turn over and presto, there was a perfect print of another stamp on the back. Mr. Buckley stated that the stamp had been found in a cheap mixture which his company had sold. The stamp was on a cover and thus the back was invisible but the buyer for some reason or other decided that he wanted the stamp off cover for his collection and when he soaked it off, the print on the back was visible.

Thus we say, examine your stamps, many cheap stamps may turn out to be rarities if you know your stamps and probably many more stamps printed on back are stuck to covers or scraps of paper. Usually such varieties can be noted by holding the cover to a strong light and it is not always necessary to remove such items from covers.

Exhibition Is Being Planned By A. S. C. C. A.

The Associated Stamp Clubs of the Chesapeake Area will hold an Exhibition at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore, Md., from April 24th to 29th inc. The exhibition is open to all members of the affiliated clubs. There will be three classes and ten sections to the exhibits. A Grand Award, and five lesser awards will be made, in addition to certificates of merit. Bernard L. Ahman Jr. is chairman of the Exhibition Committee.

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He is survived by his widow, Norma Victoria, a son, Harry L. Scott, three grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Two grandsons are now serving in the armed forces.

We greatly regret the delay in printing this news which has just been received from Detroit.

A letter from the fighting front in the south seas bears a regulation U. S. Navy postmark, but between the three killer bars appear the words: On We Go—To Tokio in two lines.

From Baltimore, Md., comes a cover with the meter slogan: Buy. Buy Bonds. Then comes the picture of an airplane, and below this the words: By, By Axis.—This slogan is outstanding.

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The Stamp Trade Unit of the 1944 Red Cross War Fund Drive had an enthusiastic meeting Monday evening, March 6th at Ye Old Dutch Tavern in John St., and various Committees were appointed to visit the Stamp Trade, secure Collectors' donations, etc. They are Messrs. Y. Souren, E. Costales, P. Robbins, R. Seigel, H. Bloch, P. Keller, E. Mueller. Also J. B. Stack representing the Coin Trade and F. Bruns, E. Kehr, J. B. Hatcher, K. Stiles representing the Press.

We had a very interesting talk by Wm. Henderson Van Surdam, eight months Director of the 3rd largest of the fifty Red Cross Clubs in the B. I. Isles, and other prominent activities.

M. Ohlman, Chairman of the Stamp Dealers Division, announces a goal of \$2500.00 to be raised at this, the first formed Stamp Trade and Philatelic Unit.

At this writing, March 8th, over \$800.00 has been donated and the surface has only been scratched.

COME ON, FELLOW COLLECTORS AND DEALERS AND LET US PROUDLY PUT OUR TRADE AND HOBBY among the other well known groups. Have your name among the donors when published.

Mr. Ramon Mendez is the Official contact representative of the Red Cross.

Readers may send contributions direct to M. Ohlman, 118 Nassau St., New York.

"Hunting for stamps is like prospecting for gold" remarked the Old Stamp Hunter when he dropped in day before yesterday.

Prospectors say, "Gold is where you find it" and that applies as well to old U. S. postage and revenues.

"Here I've been hunting for stamps for over forty years, from Texas to Minnesota and from Rhode Island to California and now at this late day, I go down the Nassau street canyon and find some of what I want in Herst's shop."

Asked to illustrate his meaning by examples the Old Hunter continued.

"Well yo unever can tell where you will find them. Years ago a Southern postmaster told me there was nothing in his office—they had just moved into a new Federal building so he took me downstairs to see how up to date it was. I saw a janitor using a wooden box to stand on while he dusted the files and as the box seemed heavy asked what was in it."

"Jess an old box we had in the old place" replied the janitor but when they opened it, to please me as well as satisfy their curiosity, it was packed full of old letters—all before the Civil War and they let me have them too. Then, in a Midwest courthouse, where I had the run of the old files, I was too cagy to look into any box marked later than 1871. I was the foxy collector who knew there was nothing of much interest in U. S. after that date. I found a pretty good lot but six months later my son-in-law, new at the game, brought me a wonderful lot of old U. S. from this same court house."

He didn't know anything about 1871 or any other date, looked in all the boxes and, as they had a fire years ago and had re-filled old correspondence without any consideration of dates, he found a lot of real old time covers including several Overland and Pony Express markings. You just can't tell—stamps are where you find them and now I am going to prospect some more in this Canyon."

MOUND CITY CLUB PLANS FALL EXHIBITION

The Mound City Stamp Club, St. Louis, Missouri, has selected October 27-29 as the dates for their annual open house and exhibition. It will be held at the Melbourne Hotel in St. Louis and arrangements are under direction of Carl W. Lounsbury, 5580 Page Boulevard, St. Louis 12, Missouri, vice-president of the club, who is general chairman. Committee chairman will be announced shortly.

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A. P. S. PRESIDENT MAKES BROADCAST

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in the armed forces. On the home front, frequently we are working long hours and are tense from the added burden which war rightfully must impose. There is no better way to relax and forget one's troubles than by turning to a hobby such as ours.

ANNOUNCER: It occurs to me that stamp collecting should be of considerable use to men in our armed forces who have been confined to hospitals. Mr. Lybarger, what can you say as to this possibility?

LYBARGER: Yes, our hobby lends itself very well to being followed by anyone who is hospitalized. Medical authorities at service hospitals have been quick to recognize this. Today, occupational therapy, that is, work to keep wounded men occupied so far as their physical condition permits, is widely used. Stamp collecting comes within this range. The authorities, therefore, have called for our help, and we have gladly responded by collecting many thousands of stamps for the use of our wounded service men. That is a small, but happy part we have been able to play as stamp collectors in these difficult war days.

ANNOUNCER: Then I take it you would recommend stamp collecting for all of our listeners.

LYBARGER: I certainly would. Stamp collecting is known as the King of Hobbies and the Hobby of Kings. It is a hobby that is within reach of young and old, rich and poor.

There are several important features to stamp collecting. First, it provides complete relaxation from regular daily tasks, and second, it teaches us the history and traditions of our country. There is also a third feature—the friendship angle. Stamp collecting has been responsible for establishing many lasting friendships. And if it accomplished nothing else, it is worthwhile from that standpoint alone.

There seems to be a general idea that stamp collecting is confined mostly to youngsters. The fact is, however, that some of our greatest men in the country today have stamp collecting as their main hobby. Our most famous collector, as you probably know, is none other than President Roosevelt.

Even though a postage stamp may seem to many to be nothing more than a tiny bit of printed paper, there is something very fascinating about it. It has always had this fascination, too—for people began collecting stamps when the first adhesive postage stamp appeared in England in 1840. The nations of the world have written their history on postage stamps. Each stamp tells a story—interesting tales of adventure, exploits of great generals, romance, and the struggles of oppressed people for freedom. Wars, many of which have changed the destinies of nations, victories, and deaths, have all been recorded on postage stamps.

Do you know that 25 countries have honored Christopher Columbus with over 450 stamps?—And, believe it or not, Italy, the land of his birth, has never so honored him. Stamp collectors discover many other interesting facts in the study of stamps. The 1c Columbian Exposition Stamp issued by the U. S. in 1893 shows Columbus in sight of land, holding a telescope in his hand—130 years before the telescope was invented. Have you heard story of Uncle Sam getting in George Washington's hair? Well, take the common 2c red stamp showing a profile view of Washington. Turn the stamp sideways with the face pointing down and you will see very distinctly

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Stamp collecting is a flexible hobby, and as I have already said, it need not be an expensive one. You can start collecting at any time—at any place—and along various lines. You may choose to collect the stamps of only one country, such as the United States, or you may wish to collect the stamps of a group of nations. If you so choose, you can collect air mail stamps alone, or only stamps which show animals, persons, ships, trains or churches.

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B. N. A. TOPICS

The New York group of the British North America Philatelic Society holds meetings at 505 Fifth Avenue Philatelic Center every fourth Wednesday of the month.

Collectors specializing in this field can get further information from the secretary, Harold Meyers, 101 W. 60th Street, New York City.

Vol. 1, No. 1 of B. N. A. TOPICS, the club's official publication, is also available. Send self-addressed, stamped envelope to the secretary.

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CHAIN LETTERS

We have not yet been bothered with them but we note that Mr. John F. Sweet, Secretary of the PCEC calls attention to the fact that some club members have been sending chain letters or receiving them from other sources. Mr. Sweet suggests that you should not be ashamed to send them back. I want to go farther than Mr. Sweet does in this recommendation and state that the chain letter has long been banned by the P. O. Department and thus warn you that you are violating a postal law in sending such letters and that the best way to break up the practice is to break the chain by destroying any such letters you receive and thus seeing that the matter goes no farther. Mr. Sweet says that War Savings stamps are used as bait in these letters. Well, just keep the War Saving Stamp and let the sender come to his senses.



Geo. W. Linn

STAMPS FOR THE SOLDIERS

We have already had several very splendid letters from readers who have sent stamps to the Hospital at Coral Gables, Florida. We feel confident from these letters that there have been a great many who have contributed some of their duplicate material to such a worthy cause and we want to thank those readers of this publication who have been so kind as to help.

OUR SIDNEY COVER COLLECTION

Thanks to Ed Moore of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio, and C. Anderson of Jackson, Mich., our collection of Sidney Covers is enriched by two attractive covers of the early part of this present century. One a cover with a beautiful lithograph corner of the Buckeye Churn Company and the other a stamped envelope with a corner card of John T. Bryant and which bears an illustration of a bushel basket in red in the lower left corner.

We are attempting to reconstruct a historical picture of this, our adopted home, through a display of covers mailed and postmarked here. We will gladly buy any such covers and accept with many thanks any that are donated from friends such as the above mentioned.

S. P. A. Golden Jubilee To Feature CHIPEX; Committees Are Named

Anthony C. Russo, president of the Central Federation of Stamp Clubs, and general chairman of ChipeX III, has announced committees for the operation of the exhibition to be held in conjunction with the Society of Philatelic Americans' Golden Jubilee Convention in Chicago the week-end of August 10-13. These committees are:

Honorary chairman: Saul Newbury, Dr. Clarence Hennen, Olaf Nagel and Julius Westphal.

General Chairman: Anthony C. Russo, Austin Philatelic Club.

Exhibition: Alfred Diamond, Chicago Philatelic Society; H. V. Gustavson, Austin Philatelic Club; Ben Reeves, Polonus Philatelic Society.

Bourse: Roman Rienowski, Chero-Berwyn Philatelic Society. Publicity: David Lidman, Chicago Philatelic Society.

Women's Activities: Mrs. F. Pauli, Chicago Woman's Stamp Club.

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In announcing these committees, President Russo stated that ChipeX III would be the greatest yet under sponsorship of the Central Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The show will be presented at the LaSalle Hotel, also the site of the S. P. A. Golden Jubilee Convention. The convention had been planned for Washington but because of travel difficulties and at the request of the office of Defense Transportation, S. P. A. President J. Edward Vinjog of Webster Groves,

Mo., and his advisors decided on the centrally-located Windy City as the convention site.

Complete details of the convention and exhibition have not been completed. However, it is anticipated that Chicago—already a historic spot in the annals of S. P. A.—will again produce an interesting and outstanding convention. The exhibition committee under the able guidance of Alfred Diamond, S. P. A. secretary, aided by H. V. Gustavson and Ben Reeves, is expected to offer one of the finest shows in the history of Chicago. Plans include the showing of several notable collections. Collectors interested in exhibiting are to communicate with Chairman Diamond at 11 S. LaSalle st., Chicago.

Freaks Bring Fancy Prices At Auction

The auction of the Mint Sheet Brokerage Company at the 54th Annual Garfield-Perry Stamp Club show in Cleveland on March 11th was attended by about 100 active bidders and many good prices were realized for some of the choicer items.

One of the interesting things in connection with this sale was the high prices that were paid for freaks. Single copies of blocks of stamps printed on creased paper, fold overs, pieces with the center gutter between stamps and smeared printings.

Years ago Bill Schneider of Cleveland who was a postoffice employee made a collection of such items and in its day it was probably unequaled in its kind. What ever became of it we do not know but it must have contained hundreds of such items from issues of past years and in those days few collectors would give a dollar for the most ridiculous of such varieties, they were considered trash by most.

Today it is not unusual to see such things sell at from a dollar to as much as fifty dollars or more and several such items in this sale brought good figures.

Many find U. S. went over catalogue but the most poorly patronized lots of the sale seemed to be a number of copies of the 6c of the Bank Note issues which went begging at prices as low as a quarter or a third of catalog, all of which goes to show that

with all your specializing, to most collectors most of these 6c stamps still look alike, and a good copy of one of them is enough.

The next sale of this firm is April 14th.

California Collectors Club Plans Exhibition

May 12, 13 and 14, 1944, are the dates for the sixth Annual exhibition of the California Collectors Club, and the exhibit will be held at the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, California.

Limitation of space, and war effort employment, necessitates an exhibit of smaller number of frames than usual, but from advance information, quality will more than make up for quantity.

The club meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at the Hotel Whitcomb, and visitors are welcome at all meetings. Service men are especially finding this an opportunity to spend an occasional evening with their hobby.

Chicago Philatelic Soc. News Bulletin

Mr. Cuthbert C. Adams will show his specialized collection of Virgin Island stamps, with emphasis on the first issue of the 19th Century, at the March 2nd meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society at the Atlantic Hotel, and will also display a very extensive collection of British Colonials.

Mr. Adams is recognized as an outstanding authority on British Colonials and has done much to

clarify questions and authenticity that have been in dispute at some time or another.

The Chicago Philatelic Society will have as its speaker at the March 16th meeting MR. PAUL MACGUFFIN who will present choice items of his extensive collection of United States stamps. It is reported that his collection is one of the largest in the Chicago area. He has specialized in 19th Century issues.

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627 2c Liberty Bell	15	60	730 1c Chicago imperf.	03	10	790 1c Navy	02	08
628 5c Liberty Bell	40	1.60	731 3c Chicago imperf.	05	18	791 2c Navy	03	12
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707 2c Bicentennial	04	16	761 6c Parks imperf.	12	48	898 3c Coronado	04	16
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BRAZIL—Air mails. The Pro-juvenile overprint air mails chronicled before were issued on January 4, 1944. There were 600,000 of each value overprinted.

CHINA—Postage. Two new postage values issued the latter part of 1943 are of the Dr. Sun type A57 on very thin paper, with no gum and poorly perforated. Values are \$4 dull blue and \$5 pale grey.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC—postage & air mails. A postage set of 9 values and an air mail set of 3 values was issued on February 27, 1944 to commemorate the Centenary of the Republic. The postage stamps show a flag flying over the bastion where independence was proclaimed, also 5 stars in the left corner and the torch of liberty in the gateway. All postage values are identical in design and size. (34x23mm). The airmails are one of the

most colorful sets that has been issued in quite some time, and depicts the flag of the country over a group of steps on the first of which is written "1844", on the third "1944" while the one in the center shows a burning torch. The sky of the air mails is blue, a portion of the wheel is brown, torch is yellow and red. The colors mentioned are those dominating. Air mails are larger than postage set. Values, colors and quantities are:



Postage
1/2c ochre—500,000.
1c green—1,000,000.
2c red—500,000.
3c lilac—1,000,000.
5c orange—500,000.
7c dark blue—200,000.
10c sepia—100,000.
20c Olive—30,000.
50c light blue—30,000.



Air Mails
10c brown and lilac—50,000.
20c olive and red—30,000.
\$1 dark green—30,000.

—L. Monosson
(A souvenir sheet consisting of all 12 values to have been issued. As yet I have not seen them. Only 1800 were to have been issued).

EGYPT—air mail. Another value of the air mail series printed in one color is the 5m brown. **FRENCH MOROCCO**—postage due. A new 5Fr. postage due. no other details.

—J. & H. Stowol
INDIA—TRAVANCORE—surcharges. Three surcharges have been received on the 1941 set as follows: 2ca on 1 1/2ch; 4ca on 3/4ch; and 8ca on 6ca.

—N. Y. Sun
NEW ZEALAND—The 1 1/2d of the George V design (A80) has been changed from a violet brown to red orange.

—Monosson
TURKEY—Commemoratives. A set of six large stamps has been noted by Mekeel's to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the Republic. The designs are similar to those of the 1938 set issued for the fifteenth anniversary. Values and designs are:

4 1/2k olive—drilling soldeirs.
6k rose-carmine—helmeted soldier on guard under Turkish flag.
6 1/2k blue—modern bridge.
10k deep violet—six story block building.
13 1/2k olive green—six planes over ancient fortified hill city.
27 1/2k dark grey—portrait of President Ismet Inonu.

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Aitutaki 1920 slate and red brown realized \$320.00 Bermuda 1874 Provisional mint 3p on 1p surcharged in fancy capitals realized \$235.00—a probable auction record.

British Central Africa 1895 £10 unused realized \$150.00.

British Central Africa 1895 £25 blue green and black, unused realized \$230.00.

British Central Africa 1896 £10, unused, realized \$124.00.

British Central Africa 1896 £25 green and black, unused, realized \$245.

British Central Africa, 1907 MCA 2p dull violet and violet, unused, realized \$645.00.

British East Africa 1898 50r lilac unused realized \$110.00.

British Guiana 1850 4c black on yellow wintailed "EDW", used, realized \$230.00.

British Guiana 1857 12c lilac, unused, realized \$34.00.

British Guian Officials 1875 12c, unused, realized \$52.00.

Cape of Good Hope, 1861 "wood block" 1p red, used, realized \$76.00.

Cape of Good Hope, 1882-83 CA 5sh orange, unused, realized \$125.00.

Ceylon, 1857 blued paper, 6p plum, used realized \$26.00. 1861 24c purple brown, unused realized \$88.00. 1921-23 100r gray black unused realized \$54.00. 1921-23 100r ultramarine and dull violet unused, realized \$37.00.

Cook Islands 1932 2 1/2p var. inverted center, unhinged mint, realized \$190.00.

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Last week I mentioned that covers carried into Moline, Ill., via the first flight of AM-9 (March 1, 1944) and addressed c/o General Delivery at Moline received the magenta General Delivery backstamp of Moline. Since then, I've found out that these covers also received a machine cancellation at Moline, Illinois, March 1, 1944, at 11-30 am. As mentioned last week, the Northbound flight has not yet taken place.

Western Airlines have had to cancel plans to inaugurate service to El Centro, Palm Springs, and San Bernardino (all in California) on AM-13 due to the army feeling that the aircraft proposed to be used in this service could be utilized to a greater extent elsewhere. The Postmasters at these three cities, as well as at San Diego and Los Angeles (the inbound points) and

the Los Angeles Airmail Field Postoffice have returned all covers to their addressees together with explanatory notes stating the delay of this service. Please don't misinterpret this information, this service has not been cancelled but just delayed for an indefinite period of time. So, don't destroy the covers which have been returned to you, but hold on to them (add an extra 2c postage on them) until information is given in this column regarding the inauguration of service to this point. It may not be until after the war, however.

So many readers of this column have written to me wanting to know what I mean by backstamps on first flight covers and how to go about getting them, that I am going to take part of this column to tell about the importance of these backstamps.

To begin, what is a backstamp? A backstamp is a receiving cancellation (usually a hand stamp) applied to the back of a piece of mail. This is important on first flight covers because it proves that the cover was flown on the first flight, and also shows the direction on which the cover was carried. In fact, first flight covers (CAMs) without backstamps are practically "worthless", and are not wanted by the majority of collectors. The catalogue value of a first flight cover is for covers with backstamps (even though the catalogue does not state this.) On many occasions, I have seen very scarce first flight covers with high catalogue values go unsold at auction sales because they weren't backstamped, and consequently there was no demand for them. I think that I am safe in saying that the backstamp is one of the most important things on a first flight cover.

How do you get your first flight covers backstamped? Well, to begin with you DO NOT address them to your home address, but instead you address them to yourself care of General Delivery at some city on the same route as the new flight is (the terminal or important intermediate stop is the best.) To take a concrete example, we will use the forthcoming flight of Salina, Kansas on AM-60, which is being added between Topeka, Kansas and Denver, Colorado (AM-60 is a Denver-Kansas City route); My covers would not be addressed to me at Newark, New Jersey, but instead would be addressed to me care of General Delivery at one of the other points on the route. If I wanted them to go westbound, I would address them: **SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. GENERAL DELIVERY DENVER, COLORADO.**

If I wanted them to go eastbound, I would address them in the same manner, but instead of Denver, Colorado I would address them at Kansas City, Mo., or Topeka, Kansas since both of these cities are east of Salina. The address in this case would be: **SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. GENERAL DELIVERY TOPEKA, KANSAS**

or **SAMUEL S. GOLDSTICKER, JR. GENERAL DELIVERY KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI** depending, naturally, on which city you wanted your covers to go to. Since Postal Regulation requires that all General Delivery mail must be backstamped on the date received, your covers will receive a backstamp at the city of destination.

After the flight has taken place; you send the General Delivery Clerk at the city where your covers are, postage (I estimate it at 3c for each three covers) and a note requesting that he send you your covers which are being held at his office. This must be done promptly because most General Delivery clerks will not hold covers beyond 10 days. Place your name and a home address on the back of all covers as a means of identification.

This may seem a bit complicated and a lot of hard work, but it really isn't, and especially when you consider that without this

backstamp your first flight covers are almost "worthless" and there may only be a very small demand for them if you should ever want to dispose of them. So, get your first flight covers backstamped.

Incidentally, this article on backstamps applies only to domestic first flight covers (CAMs). Foreign flight covers (FAMs) and Canadian first flight covers all receive backstamps; and backstamps are not needed on Airport Dedication Covers (these can be addressed to your home address).

If any readers have any additional questions about backstamps, I'd appreciate it very much if you would write to me and ask me about them. I'll answer them through this column so that all readers can benefit from them.

Well Known British Stamp Dealer Dies

Charles Nissen the well known London dealer and specialist in British Stamps, died Sunday, March 12th; as a professional he was considered the finest judge of British Stamps. He was the recipient of that great honour "By appointment to His Majesty the King," and most other honours that come to leading dealers including membership of the "Roll of Distinguished Philatelists."

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LYBARGER WILL SPEAK AT DETROIT LUNCHEON

In connection with the annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Michigan Stamp Club on April 15-16, there will be held an APS luncheon. This will be held in some room convenient to the main affair, but will be called at 12:30 noon on Saturday April 15. President of the American Philatelic Society, Donald Lybarger will be in attendance and will give a talk after the lunch. It will be absolutely necessary that we know of your intention to attend, so request that you contact D. R. Heath by note or phone (551 Barrington Road, Grosse Pointe Park, 30, or MU 4751) before that date. Plan to be there at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, April 15th.

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Can you not just imagine the motto of this thriving community must have been "Fair Play," the chuck-a-luck and poker games were run on the fair play plan and ever man got a fair play for his dust.

Times changed when the placer mining petered out, small farmers moved into the valley then came the automobile and other things that left less and less business for the postoffice and the general stores. These latter all folded up and quit until only the post office remained and now this last landmark of Fair Play closed its doors on February 15th, marking an end to another of the California Ghost Towns of yesteryear. Mrs. Cora Carlson was the last postmistress at this old office which served the community for almost 100 years.

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